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Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Health and Human Services Commission
P. O. Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to renew your Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services waiver (HCBSW) No. 0325 has been approved. As authorized by Section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act, this HCBSW program (STAR+PLUS) provides an array of home and community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization in a nursing facility for individuals age 21 and over residing in Harris County. This renewal has been assigned control number 0325.90 which should be used in all future correspondence.

Specifically, you submitted a request to provide case management, respite care, skilled nursing, personal emergency response systems, personal assistance services, adult foster care, assisted living/residential care, minor home modifications, adaptive aids/prescribed drugs and medical supplies, and physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Based on the assurances and information that you provided, I approve the renewal request cited for a five-year period beginning February 1, 2001.

The approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more individuals than indicated on your Factor "C" in your approved per capita expenditure estimate. The values for Factor "C" include any individuals replaced due to death or loss of eligibility for Medicaid services during the 5 years of the waiver program.

The following estimates of utilization and cost of waiver services have been approved:

Year	Unduplicated Recipients	Factor "D"
1	2310	\$13,975.14
2	2600	\$13,944.01
3	2817	\$14,268.78
4	3093	\$14,470.16
5	3368	\$14,883.98

For your convenience, a copy of the approved renewal package is included with this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley of my staff at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations